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SUBJECT: INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC IN HUNGARY

1. HUNGARIAN NEWSPAPER NEPSZABADSAG REPORTED THE FOLLOWING
IN ITS JANUARY 26 EDITION: "INFORMATION RELEASED BY THE
MINISTRY OF HEALTH - INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC WAS NOTICED IN THE
FIRST HALF OF JANUARY IN CERTAIN COUNTIES OF HUNGARY, ESPECIALLY
IN SCHOOL HOSTELS AND AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE. FROM JANUARY 15
TO JANUARY 21, APPROXIMATELY 50,000 CASES WERE REPORTED; MORE
THAN 13,000 FROM THE CAPITAL. THE SITUATION IS DIFFERENT IN
VARIOUS COUNTIES. THERE ARE SOME COUNTIES, BARANYA, FEJER,
HAJDU, KOMAROM, SOMOGY, VAS, AND ZALA, WITH A VERY LOW NUMBER OF
CASES. ACCORDING TO OBSERVATIONS MADE SO FAR, THE DISEASE
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WAS MILD AND COMPLICATIONS WERE REPORTED ONLY IN 2 TO
3 PERCENT OF THE CASES. MORE THAN 60 PERCENT OF THE
PATIENTS WERE BELOW 24 (YEARS OF AGE). HOSPITAL VISITS
ARE BANNED IN SOME COUNTIES DEPENDING ON THE (SIZE OF
THE) EPIDEMIC: (THESE COUNTIES ARE) BEKES, BORSOD, HEVES
AND SZABOLCS."

2. RADIO HAS ANNOUNCED LATE THIS AFTERNOON THAT THE SAME
RESTRICTION AGAINST VISITATION IN HOSPITALS IS EFFECTIVE
IN BUDAPEST AS OF JANUARY 27.
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